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COATED MEDICAL DEVICE

Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(c) Regarding Status of Claims and Support for Claim Changes

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(c), Applicant provides the following statement regarding the status of claims and support for claim changes.

This reissue application is not a broadening reissue. Upon entry of the Preliminary Amendment filed herewith, claims 1-26 are pending in the application, with claims 1 and 14 being the independent claims. Patent claim 1 has been amended to remove certain subject matter. Support for this amendment may be found at column 2, lines 48-54 and column 3, lines 1-4. Claims 2-13 have not been amended and therefore remain as issued in U.S. Patent No. 6,248,127. New claims 14-26 substitute the transition "consisting essentially of" for the transition "comprising" of claims 1-13, as issued in U.S. Patent No. 6,248,127. These amendments introduce no new subject matter.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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